

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/04/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 25-27.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 01/04/2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.



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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carl Brundidge on 2/1/2006.

Replace in claim 25, page 3, lines 8-9, "the security environments" with "security environments", "the security objectives" with "security objectives", "the security requirements" with "security requirements", and "the security specification" with "security specification".

Replace in claim 26, page 4, lines 19-20, "the security environments" with "security environments", "the security objectives" with "security objectives", "the security requirements" with "security requirements", and "the security specification" with "security specification".

Replace in claim 27, page 6, lines 11-12, "the security environments" with "security environments", "the security objectives" with "security objectives", "the security requirements" with "security requirements", and "the security specification" with "security specification".

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 25-27 are allowed over prior art.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable claimed subject matter.

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None of the prior art of record, either taken by itself or in any combination, would have anticipated or made obvious the invention of the present application at or before the time it was filed. The subject matter regarded as allowable by the examiner is found in claims 25-27, wherein “a template case database” for storing PPs or STs that have been internationally registered or PPs or STs that have been generated that have not been registered is provided in the memory and “a class-tree structure from the database” by specifying PPs or STs related to TOE is retrieved based on an inheritance relation. Claims 25-27 further recite “generating a rational matrix” as characterized in the claims which is found allowable over the prior art of record..

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Prior arts made of record, not relied upon:

US patent 6,405,364 to Bowman-Amuah is directed to a system which is provided for building systems in a development architecture framework. The invention is directed to both a system to be built and an implementation strategy to fulfill system requirements. Software components of the system are encapsulated with wrappers. The wrappers are adapted to be changed upon other software components of the system being changed while the encapsulated software components of the system remain unchanged. In one embodiment of the invention, specifying the requirements of the system to be built and the implementation strategy to fulfill the requirements may be carried out using tools such as data modeling tools, process modeling

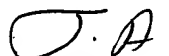
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tools, event modeling tools, performance modeling tools, object modeling tools, component modeling tools, reuse support tools, prototyping tools, application logic design tools, database design tools, presentation design tools, communication design, and usability test tools. In another embodiment of the invention, improving the performance and maintenance of the system may be carried out using tools such as interactive navigation tools, graphical representation tools, extraction tools, repository tools, restructuring tools, and data name rationalization tools.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taghi T. Arani whose telephone number is (571) 272-3787. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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